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First Day Draws 3,462 Voters

NO SMEAR HERE, PLEASE!

(Editorial)

During the past week, reports have come to various studentbody officers of statements which have been made that impugn the character of both studentbody presidential candidates.

Statements are reported to have been made by Brigham Young University students to the effect that both men are "bad" church members, dishonest politicians, and otherwise unsuited for office. The number of these reports was great, and cannot, in fairness to the studentbody and candidates, be overlooked.

Both studentbody and presidential candidates are members in good standing of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The character of these men is above reproach. It cannot and should not be supposed that either man is responsible for these outrages. The blame should rest entirely on unthinking students.

Actions of people who instigate or advocate "smear" campaigns on Brigham Young University campus are of a most reprehensible nature, and thinking voters shall, no doubt, choose their candidate without the slightest regard to the rascally rumors which have been circulated.

This newspaper unequivocally endorses the character of both studentbody presidential candidates, and urges that all rumors which tend to impute immorality, negligence, or slander to either of the candidates be scotched in true Christian fashion.

An investigation should be made immediately to ascertain the origin of these rumors, and the culprits should be duly punished.

It is regrettable that such a situation should arise at Brigham Young University. Not only is this unthinking action damaging to the candidates, but it is a blight on our university.



MY SECONDS WILL CALL. . .—Raw egg drinking and pies in the face await losers of inter-class election bets contracted after Thursday's campaign assembly. Freshmen challenged seniors and sophomores challenged juniors in a race to get the highest percentage of their classes to vote. Rex Pinegar, second from right, stakes his pride on his faith in the freshmen and his digestive system as he challenges Reed Jenkins, right, to stir up the seniors. Loser of this match must drink three raw eggs, one during each class break Monday morning, on a platform in front of the Eyring Science Center. Terry O'Brien, left with the honor of the sophomore class on his shoulders and the threat of a pie in his face, challenges the juniors, defended by Joanne Penrod, class secretary. Loser agreed to have a pie in the face. "The freshman fire will put the sog in the seniors," Pinegar jeered. "The seniors won't cast as many votes, but we will have the highest percentage," Jenkins retorted. "Don't let me down class," O'Brien begged, while Joanne asserted, "No class will exceed us in participation." Class officers have been spurring their voters on with pleas over a loud speaker system. For results as of Thursday night see story this page.

First day of balloting in the 1955 Brigham Young University final elections saw 53 per cent of the studentbody cast votes, Dee Jacobs, elections committee chairman, announced this morning.

A total of 3,462 votes were cast Thursday, Jacobs said. This

leaves nearly 2,800 more votes necessary today for the 95 per cent turnout which is sought, he added. A national intercollegiate voting record would probably be established, Jacobs said, if 95 per cent of the students were to cast their vote.



"... PRESTO, YOUR VOTE IS CAST"—Gordon Conger (right) election worker, demonstrates workings of automatic voting machines to Bert Rigby, one of the first students to vote on the machines Thursday morning. Three machines are set up in the Eyring Science Center, and manual voting booths are in operation outside the Student Service Center, in the McKay Building and the Smith Building. Voting hours are from 8:30-3:30 today.

NO VETO INTENDED

(Editorial)

This newspaper published an editorial yesterday which stated that the executive council and cabinet vetoed a proposal to publish tabulations of the election results. That statement is incorrect. The Executive Council and cabinet recommended to the elections committee that those tabulations not be published.

Tuesday night the elections committee decided to publish the results. This decision was made after deliberation and debate among the members and interested persons. The elections committee was closely divided.

The Executive Council is empowered to veto the Elections Committee decision, but did not do so. These persons are to be commended for their magnanimity and their consideration of the desire of the studentbody.

What the committee decided will probably be little noted by the studentbody, but should be recognized as a momentous turn in studentbody affairs.

This decision of the Elections Committee culminates a highly successful year for that group. All members have given prodigiously of their time and energy. Theirs has truly been a labor of great educational value. Gratitude of the studentbody is due to Dee Jacobs, Blaine Gardner, Diane Henry, Zuriel Elvin, Don Greenwood, Charlene Sessions, Sue Emmett, Elva Christensen, Rey Arnold, Sherrie Hudson, Marguerite Obregon, Mar Deanne Wahlen, Marilyn Green, and Sally Emmett.

Freshman class is leading the seniors and the junior class is leading the sophomores in class contests to get out the largest percentage of votes, Jacobs said.

Freshman class has a total of 1,487 votes, or 61 per cent, while the senior class has 421 votes, or 43 per cent. In the other phase of the contest, the junior class is leading with 62 per cent or 717 votes, compared with 837 votes, or 54 per cent for the sophomore class, Jacobs said.

Elections committee announced today it will publish complete results of the final election, despite a recommendation by the Executive Council not to do so.

"We believe it is the right of the students to know exactly how many votes each candidate received," Dee Jacobs, elections committee chairman, explained in announcing the decision of the group.

Results will be published in the April 26 issue of the Brigham Young Universe.

Jacobs stressed, however, that these results will only be released for this election and that it will not be a matter of basic policy hereafter.

Candidates in the election are: Studentbody: Wid Tingey and Dave Calvert, president; Ellen Keeler and Barbara Benson, first vice president; Chuck Hobbs and John Ward, second vice president; Vickie Richards and Diane Ahlander, secretary; and Bob Driggs, business manager.

Senior class candidates: Richard Bell and Ben Dickison, president; Ann Taylor and Mary McMurray, vice president; Marian Green and Diane Manwaring, secretary; and Nancy Briggs, Rose Ann Evans, and Joanne Wells, legislative council representatives.

Junior class candidates: Mike Warnick and Dallas Merrell, president; Marilyn Worsley and Stan Michelsen, vice president; Donna Glazier and Pat Christensen, secretary; and Robin Bown and Mary Corbett, legislative council representatives.

Sophomore class candidates: Barrie McKay and Dave Ward, president; Jane Edgington, and Gordon Wells, vice president; Kay Brockbank and Marilyn Green, secretary; and Ann Jones and Geraldine Callister, legislative council representatives.

Rey Arnold and Jean Jorgenson are candidates for legislative council from the graduate school.

5 Candidates Cited As Rule Violators In Campaign Finals

Five candidates in today's elections were cited Thursday by Dee Jacobs, elections committee chairman, as having violated campaigning rules by not having their campaign posters off the campus by 5:30 Wednesday evening.

One of these candidates, Dallas Merrell, junior class presidential candidate, is a "second offender," Jacobs said, who committed violations during primary campaigns last week.

Other candidates who were tardy in gathering up their posters were Ben Dickison, senior class presidential candidate; Vickie Richards, studentbody secretary candidate; Ann Taylor, senior class vice presidential candidate; and Ellen Keeler, studentbody first vice presidential candidate.

No disciplinary action is contemplated in these violations, Jacobs said.

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